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1. The Polish steamer JAROSLAW DABROWSKI from Gdynia passed through the Kiel Canal toward the West on 23 August. It is a modern freighter and passenger vessel of 5 - 7000 tons.

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The ship has four loading hatches, those fore and aft being smaller than the two in the center. The passenger cabins are located amidships in a long superstructure which is usual on freighters. The ship was empty of freight but had some passengers on board.

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2. The following Russian vessels passed through the canal together in a western direction on 24 August: KWICZOK (156 BRT), OVOB (322 BRT), SHEEL (328 BRT), ARJUN (261 BRT), PSCHIPA (322 BRT).¹ The first is a lugger, the others are three-masted schooners with a large superstructure for crew accommodations. It is the same type that has often traveled westward in groups. [redacted] The flotilla was headed for the Far East. No unusual equipment was observable. The lugger was the type which had been built for the Russians in the East Zone for some years. The broker was the United Baltic Corporation, Kiel.

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3. At 1700 hours on 24 August, before Gotska Sandoe the Russian sailing training ship TOVARISHCH was seen traveling eastward. It is the former four-masted German bark PADUA. In the early morning the same day, an old Russian three-stack passenger ship of about 18,000 tons was passed south of Utoe. It was accompanied by a two-stack destroyer. On 19 August, a Russian steamer with an ice breaker in tow was seen headed west in the North Sea.
4. The 7,000 ton Russian merchant steamer MARSHAL GOVOROV was seen off Dornbusch with a westerly course on the night of 6-7 September. Its speed was estimated at 14 knots. The ship was fully loaded. The usual red ring and golden harrier and sickle were painted on the stacks. It was later learned that the MARSHAL GOVOROV was headed for Red China.

5. On 19 August, the 1500 ton Russian passenger steamer BELOCSTOV passed through the Kiel Canal toward the East. Painted grey-white, it had one steel with a red rim.

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6. A German steamer met a Polish minesweeping unit of seven vessels of the same type as the former German R-boat on 1 August near Buoy 14, NW of Arkona. The flotilla had laid out a search area. An East Zone Sea Police boat lay between the Gjedser Rev and Buoy 13.
 7. On 14 August 1952, what appeared to be a Russian war vessel [REDACTED] was seen at anchor on the heights before Warnemuende. The vessel was approximately 30 meters long and was armed on the fore-castle and behind the bridgehouse. Something resembling an ejector tube was on the quarterdeck. 2
 8. On the night of 5-6 September, great searchlight activity was observed on Porkkala Peninsula. Apparently a night coastal exercise was taking place.

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1. [REDACTED] Comment: The Russian names of these ships appear in a garbled form. [REDACTED] the PITSLA, SMILL, OVCA (three-masted diesel-powered ships of 250-300 tons), and the ARGUP [REDACTED] en route to Odessa. See [REDACTED] Comment to this report for possible name spellings of these ships.

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2. [REDACTED] Comment: A Russian minesweeper [REDACTED] has previously been reported in Warnemuende. It is not impossible that the object was a torpedo tube, although the type of vessel did not indicate that it could travel fast enough to carry an afterdeck ejector. The object was probably a depth-bomb ejector or perhaps a magnetic minesweeping device.

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